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INTEGRAL discovered a new hard X-ray transient, IGR J17559-2612, during the Galactic center observations performed from 2012-08-14 00:02:14 to 2012-08-14 14:45:54 UTC.

The source is detected in the IBIS/ISGRI mosaic at a significance level of 8 σ (observation good time: 50 ks) both in the 20-40 keV and the 40-80 keV energy bands. The corresponding fluxes are 11.9±1.4 mCrab and 17.5±2.1 mCrab ($9.2\pm1.1 \times 10^{-11}$ and $1.21\pm0.14 \times 10^{-10}$ erg/s/cm^2, uncertainties are at 68% c.l.).

Due to off-axis pointing, the source is not detected in the combined mosaic of the two JEM-X units with a 3σ upper limits of 15 and 20 mCrab in the 3-10 keV and 10-20 keV energy bands, respectively.

The best source position determined with IBIS is
RA= 268.99 (17h 55m 58s)
Dec= -26.21 (-26d 12' 36")
(J2000) with an associated pointing uncertainty of 3.5 arcmin at 90% c.l. (the Galactic coordinates are l= 3.515 b=-0.572).

The IBIS/ISGRI spectrum can be described (χ^2_{red}/d.o.f.=0.4 for 8 d.o.f.) by a power-law ($\Gamma=1.6 \pm 0.3$, uncertainty at 90% c.l.). The 20-100 keV flux estimated from the spectral fit is 3.0×10^{-10} erg/s/cm^2 (18 mCrab).

Multi-wavelength follow-up observations are encouraged to unveil the nature of this transient.

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